

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A KINGDOM DIVIDED CANNOT STAND.

— MARK 3:25 —



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

GOD'S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY

Welcome!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to journey in faith with us. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. If you have any questions about our parish, please call or email our parish office.



From

Ken Koll

Principal of STA

This technology will be added to our gym.

Dear Parishioners,

As we bring this school year to a close and work diligently to prepare for next school year, I wanted to share with you the excited plans in store. Right around this time last year, we began to discuss our initiative to address the rapid changes that AI and other impactors will have on the lives of our students when they enter adulthood. I shared my concern that current educational models will leave them ill-equipped for the future. We have spent this past year in a period of research and collaboration to explore educational initiatives aimed at the second half of the century. We are ready to take the first step toward implementing some of what we have learned. Our plan includes enhancement to our building, staffing, program design and teacher professional development.

We have been blessed with nearly \$1.8 million dollars in grant and donated funds. Those funds will be used in the following categories:

Teacher Professional Development:

- ◆ This summer, 7 teachers will attend conferences in SEL, school innovation, Project Based Learning and others.
- ◆ We have arranged for Dr. Eric Jensen to conduct a 2 day seminar tailor made for our entire staff. Dr. Jensen is an expert in neuroeducation and he will guide us through what is known about the science of teaching and how that can guide educational efforts for the future.

Building Enhancements:

- ✦ We will upgrade our security system.
- ✦ Our cafeteria will get a makeover including new furniture, fresh paint and a new food caterer. We are also looking into vending machines and a small game room.
- ✦ We are developing a Thinking/Learning Lab which will enhance student skills in creativity/innovation, critical thinking/problem solving, & communication/collaboration.
- ✦ All classrooms will get new furniture with more modular desks that can easily be configured to create collaborative grouping.
- ✦ All rooms will receive new Smartboards or Smart Tables.
- ✦ All classrooms will receive new air conditioners.
- ✦ Google search LU interactive if you want to be blown away!

New Staff Positions:

- ✦ We will hire a Director of Innovation to develop our Thinking/Learning Lab.
- ✦ We are creating a Lab School within our school to explore ways to integrate forward thinking teaching/learning strategies into our curriculum. How do we use development of 21st century skills to facilitate learning of core curriculum? We need to teach/learn differently.

Enhanced After School Programing:

We are expanding our partnership with Boys and Girls Club to offer a robust catalog of after school programs in the arts and beyond.

Think drumming, robotics, dance, drama ... really anything our students have a passion about exploring. We are even looking into family or parent mini-courses.

I am not exaggerating when I say that this is just a small sampling of the enhancements that will be in place when we open our doors in the fall.

As always, I take the privilege to serve our Parish School and guide the education of your children very seriously. I have never been more excited in my entire career as I am right now by what will happen this summer at our School.

Sincerely,

Ken Koll
Principal





Worship

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 3:9-15 ♦ Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc) ♦ 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 ♦ Mark 3:20-35

✠ Wylola Cooper, Rita Allen, (Special Intentions)

We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend's liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures (visit www.usccb.org).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 17:22-24 ♦ Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a) ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 ♦ Mark 4:26-34

DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.

MONDAY, June 10

Readings: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 | Ps 121: 1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 | Mt 5:1-12

✠ Jun Mhoon

✠ Wilma McDaniel

TUESDAY, June 11

Saint Barnabas, apostle

Readings: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 | Mt 5:13-16

✠ Dr. Mark Robinson

Monica Horvath, (Speedy Recovery)

WEDNESDAY, June 12

Readings: 1 Kgs 18:20-39 | Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 | Mt 5:17-19
Ezeckiel & Melanie Mercedes, (Speedy Recover)

THURSDAY, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church

Readings: 1 kgs 18:41-46 | Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 | Mk 5:20-26

✠ Kendall Baker

FRIDAY, June 14

Readings: 1kgs 19:9a, 11-16 | Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 | Mt 5:27-32

Rita Allen, (Special Intentions)

SATURDAY, June 15

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 | Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8. 9-10 | Mt 5:33-37

✠ Dennis Booth

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

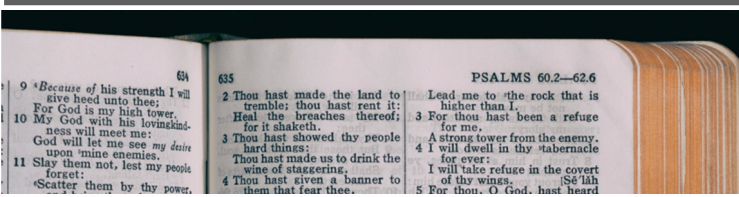
PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, Romulo Barreno, Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Diane Clarke, Emil F. Cocco, Thomas & Carol Cole, Patricia Comeaux, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Granicyz, Albert Hines, Kathleen Holden, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Terri Kilbane, Charlie King, Carol Landrum, Mary Lerps, Linda Loggins, Mankowski Family, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Justina Sentino, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Ernest Talbott, Ronald Spencer, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrance Watson, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Maria Wooder, Joan Yedinak.

For those who have died

Dr. Mark Robinson





Faith FORMATION

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Love for All

Jesus said "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

(Mark 3: 35)

Genesis 3: 9-15

The Fall

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1

Paradox of the Ministry

Mark 3: 20-35

Jesus and Beelzebul; Jesus and His Family



ADULTS: In what ways could you widen the circle of your family to include someone in need?

CHILDREN: Whom could you invite to share a happy time with your family?

FORM YOUR FAMILY IN FAITH!

Join us for Family Faith Formation which resumes in August. In our monthly gatherings, families engage with their faith through conversation, activities, prayer, and fellowship.

Family Faith Formation is designed for families with children from PreK through 8th Grade. If you are a high school student, college or graduate student, or adult who wishes to grow in faith, contact us for additional information and opportunities.

Registrations received before June 30, 2024 receive an early-bird discount on the registration fee.

Email Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org or visit www.stapostleparish.org for more information and registration materials.

Going to Mass on Vacation

GOOD CATHOLICS on vacation always make time for Sunday Mass. The locations for churches and the times of services are generally easy to obtain online. It doesn't take much advance planning to include worship as part of one's time away from home.

When you enter the church as a visitor, introduce yourself to a greeter or minister. Let someone know where you come from. Most locals are happy to say a word of welcome, but they do not always know who is visiting and who is not.

Participate well. Pray sincerely. Sing the hymns. Contribute generously to the collection. Some people contribute sparingly. But the church you are visiting has generously provided you a place to worship. Its members would appreciate a spot in the budget you made to enjoy your vacation.

If you know in advance that you cannot attend Mass some Sunday, you should obtain a dispensation from your pastor. If you are in your own church when visitors arrive, help them feel welcome; show them around. Above all, make an effort to worship every Sunday, even when you are away from home. God never takes a vacation from you.

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, July 7 and 21, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, August 25, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, August 25, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

For more information, please email Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH
THE CENTENNIAL BUILDING BALL

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The
100TH
Anniversary
Parish Building

SATURDAY **12** OCTOBER
2024

David Rubenstein Forum
1201 E. 60th St, Chicago, IL 60637

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CODE



PURCHASE
TICKETS

Glamour Under the Stars!

The Centennial Building Ball!

It is with great joy and excitement that we extend a warm invitation to you for the **Centennial Building Ball**, celebrating the **100th Anniversary** of our beloved parish church building.

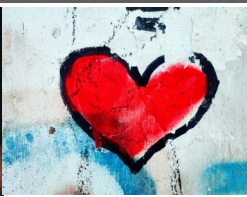
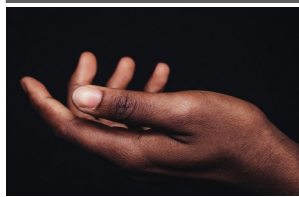
This momentous occasion marks a century of faith, community, and countless blessings shared within these sacred walls.

We're rolling out the red carpet just for you. Join us for a night of elegance and celebration. Don't miss out on the event of the year mark your calendars and let's dazzle together!

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CENTENNIAL CHURCH BUILDING:

- ◆ **Donate Monthly** through the remainder of the year via your Building Fund envelope, Give Central or mark the Building Fund on the envelopes available on the tables in the rear of the Church. Thank you for your generosity!
- ◆ **Be a Sponsor** of the Centennial Building Ball at one of the levels listed below. For more information and assistance, contact Brittany McGhee, Centennial Building Ball Co-Chair, brittany@stapostleparish.org
- ◆ **Donate to the Silent Auction!** Information is in the back of the Church and at Hospitality Sundays, or contact directly Co-Chairs Carrie & Rolf Barth: rolfandcarrie@yahoo.com

- ◆ **Join** one of the **Sub-Committees:**
 - Promotion & Sponsorship
 - Reception & Entertainment
 - Decorating



Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

May 25 and May 26

Offertory	\$4,099.35
Give Central	\$2,855.00
Building Fund	\$400.00
Candle Donations	\$128.00
Mass Offerings	\$128.00
Total	\$7,722.35

Thank you!

Your generosity is essential to the life of our parish family.



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THE HYDE PARK KENWOOD Food Pantry

is open to give out groceries from 10am until 1pm on Saturdays at the **Hyde Park Union Church** at 56th & Woodlawn.

For more information, contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edh.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for setting up on Fridays 3:00 pm–4:30 pm and food distribution on Saturdays 9:30 am–1:30 pm. For further information and to sign up, please contact Margaret Mitchell at mmm17@uchicago.edu.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 17129

- ◆ **ROSARY:** Fridays following the 8AM Mass. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Pancake Hospitality:** June 16, 2024 8am and 10 am Mass. Free will offering and Fifty/Fifty raffle!
- ◆ **JOIN** the KofC if you are a male 18+ and a practicing Catholic. This organization was founded in 1882 by Fr. M. J. McGiveny.



Please contact Allen Hawkins, *Grand Knight*, at 630-945-4133 for more details.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE *for* 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." - Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

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Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Walk with Us for the Hyde Park Parade!!

We are excited to announce that St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and School will be participating in the Hyde Park Parade on July 4th! This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in celebration of our nation's independence while showcasing the spirit and unity of our parish and school. We invite all parishioners, students, families, and friends to join us for this festive and patriotic event.



4th on 53rd



Nichols Park Thursday, July 4, 2024



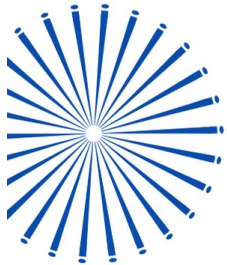
The Nichols Park Advisory Council, Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, South East Chicago Commission, the University of Chicago and the Chicago Park District Present:

32nd Anniversary 4th of July Parade & Festival

JOIN



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL *WE ARE WALKING THE PARADE*



To make this event a success, we need your help! Volunteers are needed to walk in the parade, carry banners, represent St. Thomas the Apostle with joy and enthusiasm. Let us come together and make a memorable impression at the parade.


We look forward to seeing everyone walking with pride and sharing the vibrant spirit of St. Thomas the Apostle. Let's make this July 4th a day to remember by bringing our community's warmth and unity to the heart of Hyde Park. Thank you for your support, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!



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WALK WITH US



For More Information
Please Call Parish Office

 (773) 324-2626

WALK WITH US ON THE 4TH





Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Summer HOURS
OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS
 BEGINNING JUNE 14TH THROUGH AUGUST 9

Our Parish office hours for the upcoming summer season. Starting June 14th through August 9th, our office will be closed on Fridays.

During this period, our office will remain open from Monday through Thursday, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

COMMUNION *services*

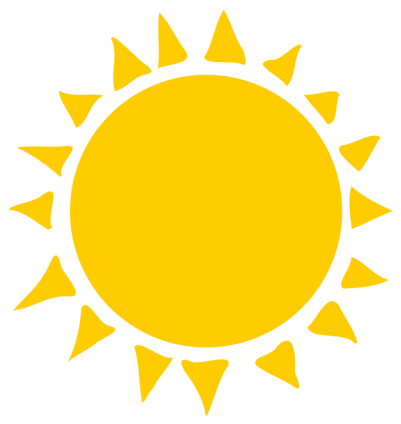


Feast Day

Celebration of St. Thomas the Apostle

July 6th & 7th

Communion services only during the week of June 17th since the priests of Chicago will be at convocation





We are thrilled to invite you to our much-anticipated **Welcome Back Summer Bash!** Mark your calendars for a day filled with fun, fellowship, and fantastic memories on August 25th. This event is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to reconnect, celebrate, and enjoy the vibrant spirit of our community as we transition from summer into the new school year.

Save the Date

Welcome Back STA

Summer Bash

Join us for Fellowship, Food Trucks and Games this August 25, 2024 at 11:00AM

Meet our Church Ministries, and our STA School Family

God's People and Children in Extraordinary Variety!

Join us for an array of exciting activities, delicious food, and plenty of entertainment for all ages. Whether you're a long-time parish member or new to our school family, this is the perfect occasion to come together and strengthen the bonds that make our community so special.

We can't wait to see you there! I'll be sure to get more details soon, so stay tuned. Let's make this Summer Bash an unforgettable event!

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

School

Strong Foundation... Future Success!



St. Thomas the Apostle School

2024

Preschool Enrollment

Our school provides the best possible environment for your child to learn, grow, and develop in a nurturing and safe environment.

- ✓ **Certified Teachers**
- ✓ **Early Education**
- ✓ **Outdoor Activity**
- ✓ **Extracurricular**

JOIN NOW



www.stapostleschool.com



Summer Break
Starts June 8th

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Platforms*

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Instagram: [@stthomasapostle](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasapostle)



If you're considering enrolling your children in a preschool program that combines academic excellence with strong moral values, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School is an outstanding choice. Known for its nurturing environment and dedicated faculty, the school aims to provide an education that prepares young minds for future academic challenges while fostering spiritual growth.

One of the many benefits of choosing St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School is the community it builds among families and staff. Active parishioners are eligible for a special discount on tuition, making quality education more affordable. This initiative underscores the school's commitment to supporting its parish community and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to receive a foundational education grounded in Catholic values.

Enrolling your children at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School means investing in their future. The preschool program is designed to engage young learners through a curriculum that promotes intellectual curiosity, social skills, and a love for learning. With a focus on both academic and spiritual development, children are given a strong start that sets them on a path to success in school and in life. Join the St. Thomas community today and provide your children with an education that nurtures both mind and soul.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

General Information

Church Address
5472 S. Kimbark Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615-5297

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5467 S. Woodlawn Avenue
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Located in the school building.
Phone: (773) 324-2626
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www.stapostleparish.org
parishoffice@stapostleparish.org

School Offices

Hours: 7:30am-3:45pm, Monday-Friday
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The Passionists

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Monday:	8:00 AM
Tuesday:	8:30 AM
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:	8:00 AM
Saturday:	4:00 PM VIGIL
Holy Days:	8:00 AM
Confession:	Sundays, 9:00-9:45 AM Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

BAPTISM: Visit our website for additional information or contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

MARRIAGE OR MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact Fr. Michael Trail at least six months before your wedding date.

TO SCHEDULE A FUNERAL: Email the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or call 773-324-2626

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH AS A MEMBER? Contact the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or visit our website for the registration form.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC? Contact Rosina Hendrickson at rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org

Any school related matters or interested in having your child enrolled St Thomas the Apostle School? Email marketing@stapostleschool.com

IN NEED OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE? St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to help. Call the parish office at 773-324-2626 and dial ext. 108. Please leave your name, phone number, and state your need and someone will return your call.